

Help us protect Ninigret's piping plovers!

Piping plovers are protected by the Endangered Species Act. Every bird and chick make a difference for saving this shorebird and are protected by law.



Join the many beach-goers that are helping this bird to recovery!

1. **Access the sand trail by foot only.** The chicks, which look like sandy-colored cotton balls on toothpicks, are using the trail and risk being run over until they can fly. Vehicles will again have access by August 1.
2. **Respect all areas fenced or posted** for protection of wildlife.
3. **Give plovers and their nests space.** If disturbed, plovers may abandon their nests.
4. **Please leave pets at home.** Plovers perceive dogs as predators.
5. **Take trash or food scraps off the beach.** Garbage attracts predators that may prey upon piping plover eggs or chicks.
6. **Volunteer!** Talk to our piping plover coordinator at (401) 364-9124 if you're interested.



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